(b) if the ratio is short of the requirement, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) According to the Fifth All India Educational Survey, conducted by the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT), the teacher-student ratio in the country at the primary stage was 1:44 as on 30th September, 1986. No specific teacher-student ratio is envisaged under the National Policy on Education.

(b) Does not arise.

Students of Hotel Management

3272. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of students who got through three years diploma course during the last two years from various Institutes in Hotel Management, Catering & Applied Nutrition in the country;

(b) the number of those who were employed in ITDC Hotels;

(c) whether Government are aware that private sector hotels do not provide employment to students belonging to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes; and

(d) if so, what steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) A total of 1158 students passed during 1986-87 and 1987-88 from various Institutes of Hotel Management, Catering Technology & Applied Nutrition.

(b) 93 students have been employed in ITDC Hotels. In addition, 727 have been employed in hotels in the private sector.

(c) Available information does not indicate any such trend.

(d) Does not arise.

Over bridges at Railway level crossings at Yerraguntla

3273. DR. NARREDDY THULSI REDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to construct over bridges at Railway level crossings at Yerraguntla in Guntakal division in South-Central Railway;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The State Government has not sponsored any proposal for construction of road-overbridge at Yerraguntla.

Feasibility study on the Patna-Allahabad stretch of Ganga

3274. SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any feasibility study has been conducted on the Patna-Allahabad stretch of the Ganga; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Final Report on the evaluation of measures to ensure navigability on the stretch between Allahabad and Patna is expected in June, 1989.

Development of Indian Ports

3275. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry has recently urged Government to undertake overall development of Indian ports;

(b) whether it is a fact that due to poor condition of Indian ports, there has been decline in exports besides other transport problems; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and the steps Government propose to take to develop ports in the counry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) A seminar organised by FICCI in December, 1988 underlined the need for overall development of Indian Ports.

(b) and (c) The development of ports is a continuous process. During the VII Five Year Plan an allocation of Rs. 955 crores was provided for the development of the Ports. The exports from the Major Ports in India in the last 3 years are given below;

(In million tonnes)

1985-86	36.73
1986-87	39.79
1987-88	40.14

This shows that there has been no decline in exports through Major Ports.

Suspension of teacher of Kendriya Vidyalaya sunder silchar region

3276. SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of teachers of Kendriya Vidyalayas placed under suspension in Silchar Region during the current year;

(b) what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Assistant Commissioner of the said region openly threatened AIKVTA members of Kendriya Vidyalaya, Jorhat with suspension and mass transfers and also instigated the students for unlawful activities during his recent visit to the said Vidyalaya; and

(d) if so, what are the details of representation received by the Sangathan against the said Officer and action taken/contemplated by the Officer concerned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) and (b) One teacher of KV Tuli has been placed under suspension by the Asstt. Commr. (Silchar) during the current academic year for his alleged misbehaviour the principal.

(c) and (d) KVS has not received any representation in this regard. However, a telegram purported to have been sent by the Secretary, AIKVTA, Jorhat alleging that the AC (Silchar) had threatened publicly the AIKVTA members with mass transfers and suspension and also instigated the students, has been received. The Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan has taken note of the telegram and it will ensure that no unjust action is taken against anyone.